

In re Application of: Kei Yoshida
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REMARKS

Claims 6 through 10 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-5 and 11-15 have been canceled hereby without prejudice.

The Office Action (1) found claims 6 to 10 to be allowable; and (2) rejected claims 1 to 5 and claims 11 to 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,734,457 to Mitsui et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,892,391 to Stewart et al. and in further in view of newly cited U.S. Patent No. 6,278,508 to Ogawa et al.

Regarding item (1) identified above, Applicant expresses appreciation for the finding of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 6 to 10.

Regarding item (2) identified above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-5 and 11-15, as noted above, have been canceled without prejudice and thus, the merit of the new grounds for rejecting claims 1-5 and 11-15 has not been addressed.

It follows then, in view of the foregoing, that as the present pending claims (i.e., claims 6-10) are patentable over the art of record, this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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